

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Treasuring generosity

The final chapter of Timothy focuses on where real contentment is to be found – not in the pursuit of worldly wealth but in godly living. True riches come from God and should be shared generously. Timothy is urged to treasure what will endure and, above all, to fight the good fight of faith.

Read this week's passage:



DRAW



Find a beautiful leaf and do a leaf rubbing. Write on it one good thing that God has blessed you with.



Do some research on local charities in your area – foodbanks, homeless shelters etc. Could you offer to volunteer at a local foodbank or to help for a couple of hours at a collection at your local supermarket?

REFLECT

Reflect on your blessings, treasures and skills. Draw or write a prayer, asking God for help to be generous.

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Living Scripture

'for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.' 1 Timothy 6:7-8

Our culture is not geared toward contentment. Adverts push us to buy more, eat more, work harder, get richer, and go faster and further. Relentlessly pursuing more. But Paul challenges us that in Christ we already have enough, and we have what matters. We have eternal life in Christ - forgiveness, peace, wholeness, freedom. We have what is important, so we should prioritise goodness and generosity, not endlessly chasing after more.

We can find contentment through gratitude. Thank God for the people in your life, health, breath, food, clothes and shelter. We can choose to stop comparing ourselves with others. What sparks your jealousy and need for more? Chat to God about it. Think about heaven (we can't take our things with us when we die). In light of heaven and eternal life with God, what really matters? In the light of all these gifts from God, how can you practise goodness and generosity this week?

First impressions

- What qualities and characteristics do you treasure?
- How have you been generous this week?
- In what ways is your church a generous community?



Pray

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of life with you.
Help us to be content with what we have and not to be tempted by the trappings of this life.
Thank you for the good things you give us each day.
May we treasure them.
Amen.



... a 'Treasure Capsule' made up of both physical things that you treasure, and drawings / photos / symbols which represent memories that you treasure or characteristics or values in people close to you that you appreciate. Or talk about these things instead.